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1. AT HIS INITIATIVE, FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN ANDREI JOINED MY SEPTEMBER 8 DINNER FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ. DURING DINNER, HE DISPLAYED FULL RANGE OF INTELLIGENCE, ACUMEN AND WIT WHICH MAKE HIM MOST ACCESSIBLE AND STIMULATING MEMBER OF ROMANIA'S FOREIGN POLICY ESTABLISHMENT, BAR NONE. HE HIMSELF NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS ONLY SECOND AMBASSADORIAL DINNER HE HAD ATTENDED SINCE HE BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER IN MARCH, AND COURSE OF CONVERSATION MADE IT PPARENT HE WISHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO SOUND US ON POSSIBILITY FOR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANT BRZEZINSKI IN CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATION IN UNGA THIS MONTH.

2. AS HE HAS IN EVERY MEETING WITH ME OVER PAST WEEKS, ANDREI REITERATED HIS RESPECTS FOR SECRETARY, AND THEN ASKED COUNSELOR WHETHER POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA WERE REALLY SERIOUS
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FROM US VIEWPOINT. HE KNEW SECRETARY MET MANY FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING SESSIONS; PERHAPS IT WOULD BE HARD TO SCHEDULE HIM. COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES ARE REAL, SO THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE, SECRETARY HAD ASKED HIM TO TRANSMIT BEST REGARDS TO ANDREI, AND HE WAS CERTAIN SECRETARYD MEET FOREIGN MINISTER WITH

PLEASURE, AND BELIEVED IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE MEETING. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MEET NOT ONLY IN NEW YORK, BUT ALSO IN WASHINGTON, ANDREI WENT ON. SOME SCHEDULING PROBLEMS MIGHT THEREBY BE AVOIDED, AND WASHINGTON VENUE MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI, FOR WHOM HE ALSO HAD HIGHEST REGARD. COUNSELOR REPLIED HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS POSSIBILITY AS WELL.

3. ANDREI WOULD NOT HAVE MADE THIS UNUSUAL DEMARCHE WITHOUT SERIOUS PURPOSE, AND AFTER DISCUSSION WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, WE AGREE THAT RANGE OF ISSUES PRESENTLY FACING TWO COUNTRIES IN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP MAKE IT EMINENTLY WORTHWHILE TO EXTEND INVITATION TO WASHINGTON WHICH ANDREI SO EVIDENTLY DESIRES. HE IS GOOD COMPANY, BUT, EVEN MORE, HE HAS BEEN ONE OF PRIMARY ARCHITECTS OF ROMANIA'S INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH US, OVER PAST HALF-DECADE, AND IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO WASHINGTON VISIT AT THIS TIME IS PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO INVITATION.

4. RE REFS A AND B, MRS. ANDREI HAS NOT SO FAR ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND ABROAD, WE HAVE NO INDICATION SHE INTENDS TO TRAVEL WITH HIM TO US AND CONSIDER IT CONFIDENTIAL

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EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT SHE WOULD.

5. GIVEN TIMING CONSTRAINTS ON BOTH SIDES, I URGE EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AND FAVORABLE ACTION ON ANDREI'S DEMARCHE. NIMETZ CONCURS.
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